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SUBJECT: CORNELIUS: MIGRATION POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT;

PHS RESEARCH GRANT

REF: A. STATE A-3045, 4/30/75; B. MEXICO 4355

1. FOLLOWING DETAILED DISCUSSION BETWEEN EMBECONOFFS AND RESERACH GRANT APPLICANT CORNELIUS, EMBASSY PREPARED TO REVERSE POSITION REF. B REGARDING ACCEPTABILITY CORNELIUS' APPLICATION FOR USG FUNDS IN RESEARCH PROJECT TO BE REALIZED IN STATE OF JALISCO.

2. AS RESULT OF CLARIFICATION BY CORNELIUS OF POINTS RAISED REF. B AND AMPLIFICATION OF REF. A, PLUS VERIFICATION BY EMBOFF OF INTEREST IN PROJECT BY GOM SECRETARIATS OF THE PRESIDENCY AND FINANCE, EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL.

3. ELABORATING ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED REF. A, CORNELIUS SAID THAT IN JANUARY 1975, HE BEGAN PREPARATORY RESEARCH ON THIS PROJECT UNDER A ONE-YEAR SMITHSONIAN GRANT. HE HAS USED THIS PERIOD TO SELECT THE COMMUNITIES TO BE STUDIED AND MAKE THE NECESSARY LOCAL CONTACTS. THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO ADVERSE PUBLICITY AND NONE

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IS EXPECTED. DR. CORNELIUS HAS HAD ELEVEN YEARS OF

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO AND WILL BE PERFORMING
HIS INVESTIGATION WITH ONLY ONE U.S. RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

4. AS RESULT FURTHER INFORMATION, EMBASSY NOW NOTES
THAT RESEARCH SITE IS ACTUALLY IN STATE OF JALISCO
AND NOT IN STATE OF MEXICO (AS HAD BEEN INFERRED BY
IMPRECISION OF REF. A, AND SHOULD NOT BE A BURDEN ON
LOCAL INHABITANTS.

5. ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,
AS STATED ON FORM NIH-820, THE STUDY'S FINDINGS SHOULD
BE OF USE IN IDENTIFYING THE KINDS OF RURAL STRUCTURES
WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE SEASONAL MEXICAN
MIGRATION TO THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES AND AS SUCH
WOULD APPEAR TO BE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD RESOLUTION
OF A MAJOR U.S.-MEXICAN BILATERAL PROBLEM.

6. FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REASONS, EMBASSY NOW EXPRESSES
CONCURRENCE USE USG FUNDS IN CORNELIUS STUDY RURAL-OUT
MIGRATION PROCESS.

7. WRITTEN STATEMENT BY CORNELIUS ANSWERING EMBASSY'S
EARLIER CONCERNS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/MEX. JOVA

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